

### ***Remarks***

It is requested that this amendment be entered because it places the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 - 13 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended, in light of the newly cited art applied in the FINAL rejection, to distinguish the present invention over the prior art.

With regard to the Gallagher patent, of record, the identification system relies on an electromagnetic field and an activator placed in the field to produce a code. This is similar to using certain "magnetic keyes" to gain access. The Hsu et al and Johnson devices use an optical scanner to produce a geographical image and to transmit the fingerprint for analysis. The Sibbald patent also uses optical data to establish a geographical picture of a fingerprint and compare it with another archive. The numerical code is a result of the comparison of the optical data of current and archive fingerprints.

None of these references disclose the claimed structure or functions of the instant invention.

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